

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Macon County Office Building
Macon County Board Room #514
141 S. Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523**

October 22, 2020 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Mattingley – Chair
Debra Kraft – Vice Chair
Jim Gresham
Lloyd Holman

MEMBER PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY

None

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dave Drobisch
Bill Oliver
Verzell Taylor

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sherry Doty, Circuit Clerk's Office
Sheriff Tony Brown
Jon Perona, PBC
Judge Webber, Courts
Judge Griffith, Courts
Pat Berter, Probation
Jessie Smalley, HR
Adam Walter, Sheriff's Dept
Dave Ellison, Public Defender
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mattingley @ 3:00 p.m. at the Macon County Office Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the minutes from the last Macon County Board Justice Committee meeting (9/24/2020), seconded by Mr. Gresham and roll call vote showed the motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Holman and roll call vote showed the motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk –

Ms. Doty reported that the time with Tyler & Odyssey will soon be done as of October 31. She said they have copied, pasted and linked docket orders & documents on about 14,000 cases. She said they will make the deadline. The docket orders vary on each case as well as the documents. Some cases may only have one or two dockets & documents while others can have up to 200 entries and 500 images. Staff has worked as a team and rocked this mess out through many overtime hours for comp time coming in early, staying late, working weekends and some remote work from home. The Court Specialist, Mandy Dillow, helped tremendously. The court's judicial clerks also helped when they had time. Ms. Doty thanked everyone including the judges for their patience and understanding.

Ms. Doty also thanked the Building Commission for their quick cleaning and disinfecting actions when a staff member tested positively for COVID. They are very deeply appreciated. She went on to say that since that first scare, she feels there needs to be a protocol in black and white. The union president and vice-president for AFSCME 612 have had several meetings with her and several other officers. Some are doing it the same. Some are doing it their own way. As an office holder, Ms. Doty said she feels that communication is needed in this unchartered area. She suggested a possible committee to keep everybody in check.

Circuit Courts –

Judge Webber updated the committee on the process to get a new judge. The application deadline is November 4. The Administrative Office does not share names until the application process is over, but he said he has heard that there are people interested and he is sure that we will have a large number of very well qualified lawyers applying for it. This will be to take Judge Geisler's Associate seat as he moves on to Judge Webber's seat. Once the application deadline passes, interviews will be done, but no one can be seated until after the first of the year. There will be about a month's gap, but as usual, it will be handled well by the remaining colleagues.

Judge Webber introduced Judge Tom Griffith who will be assuming Judge Webber's duties as Presiding Judge. He said this will be his last Justice Committee meeting. It has been almost 10 years to the date and he said he wanted to take the opportunity to thank present, past & future committee members for all the cooperation and assistance he has had. He expressed appreciation.

Judge Griffith had a question for Ms. Doty. For a period of time, there were a few entries that had been made on Odyssey that had not made their way back to the good system, has that all been fixed now? Ms. Doty said it should be, but they are still working on felonies until midnight every night.

Coroner – No Report

Court Services / Probation –

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Probation FY20 Budget

Mr. Berter explained that he would like to move money from the vehicle line into the offender services line. During the COVID pandemic, they had contracted with Dave Metcalf who takes care of the sex offender groups with counseling. Because they could not be on site, and he gets paid by the clients directly, the department ended up paying him to contact the clients so that at least there would be some counseling happening during that time and the sex offenders were receiving counseling. The money can be pulled from the vehicle maintenance line since the vehicles have not been used as much or required as much maintenance since the pandemic hit.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Holman and roll call vote showed the motion carried 4-0

Macon County Board Resolution Entering into an Agreement with Peoria County for the Sale of Juvenile Detention Bed Space

Mr. Berter explained that this is the annual contract. There are two changes: the price for housing the individuals. This is an annual 3% increase. It pays for 5 individuals for 365 days of the year. Anything over that, we pay extra. The second change is that the county shall pay a \$30 fee per detainee. In years past, Peoria County paid it. They are now charging every county this fee. Peoria County has been very good to work with. This will cost about \$2500 to \$3000 and it is well spent money to make sure the kids being housed are ok.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Holman and roll call vote showed the motion carried 4-0

Emergency Management Agency – No Report

Public Building Commission – No Report

Public Defender’s Office – No Report

Sheriff’s Department – No Report

State’s Attorney’s Office – No report

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT –

There were no emails received via email and there were no citizens present wishing to speak.

Old Business None

New Business

Mr. Gresham asked the Sheriff how the new medical service for the jail is going. Sheriff Brown said it is going very well. They are fully staffed and it is nice to know there is someone there that knows the business.

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING November 19, 2020

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mattingley at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham , Macon County Board Office